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## Viewing cable 04ANKARA5742, MFA TELLS AMBASSADOR THAT INCREASED PKK ACTIVITY MEANS IRAQ AND COALITION MUST ACT

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04ANKARA5742	2004-10-06 15:14	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Ankara

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.taraf.com.tr/haber/amerika-durursa-iran-a-basvururuz.htm>  
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S E C R E T SECTION 01 OF 02 ANKARA 005742

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/12/2014

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SUBJECT: MFA TELLS AMBASSADOR THAT INCREASED PKK ACTIVITY MEANS IRAQ AND COALITION MUST ACT

REF: A. STATE 201785 B. ANKARA 5378 C. BAGHDAD 1124 D. BAGHDAD 1101

Classified By: Ambassador Eric S. Edelman for reasons 1.4 (b), (d), and (g).

- ¶1. (S) Summary: PKK/Kongra Gel's increased terrorist activity in Turkey will stir up public opinion and prompt more Turks to ask why the United States should not go after the PKK. The
- ¶2. (S) MFA Deputy Under Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs Nabi Sensoy called in Ambassador Oct. 5 to discuss further the U.S.'s policy on the PKK. Sensoy said that the U.S. should go after the PKK and
- ¶3. (S) At the same time, Sensoy took pains to thank us for U.S. diplomatic efforts, chiefly the listing of PKK's successor (Kongra Gel) as a terrorist organization. He said that the U.S. should go after the PKK and
- ¶4. (S) That said, Sensoy noted, the PKK still appears to operate relatively freely in Iraq. According to Sensoy, its political front organization, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), is the main force behind the PKK's
- ¶5. (C) Sensoy read from a GOT estimate of PKK activity in Turkey since the PKK ended its unilateral cease-fire on June 1. According to this estimate, the PKK has:

--68 armed assaults  
--46 "armed crossfires"  
--67 bombings  
--22 thwarted bomb attacks

--51 terrorists killed  
--10 civilians killed  
--32 soldiers killed  
--8 police killed  
--6 village guards killed

Sensoy closed by echoing FonMin Gul's comments (ref b) that Turkey cannot rely on any other country--including the U.S.--to go after the PKK. The

- ¶7. (S) Ambassador reported that DCM Jeffrey had met with DPM Salih to present our approach to the IIG on taking action against the PKK, and that the IIG was considering our approach.
- ¶8. (S) Sensoy responded that U.S. non-military action remained important. For example, he requested that we press the KDP and PUK leadership to take action against the PKK.
- ¶10. (S) Comment: The GOT no doubt expected that we would at some point approach the IIG and ask it to take steps against the PKK, and while the IIG is considering our approach, we should continue to press the IIG to take action against the PKK.
- ¶11. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.

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